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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Board on Coastal Engineering Research Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Board on Coastal Engineering Research. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Board on Coastal Engineering Research will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 3, 2016, and reconvene from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on March 4, 2016.

ADDRESSES: All sessions will be held in the Governor's Hall, Governor Calvert House, Historic Inns of Annapolis, 58 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401. All sessions are open to the public. For more information about the Board, please visit <http://chl.erdc.usace.army.mil/cerb>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel Bryan S. Green, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199, phone 601-634-2513, or Bryan.S.Green@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150. The Board on Coastal Engineering Research provides broad policy guidance and reviews plans for the conduct of research and the development of research projects in consonance with the needs of the coastal engineering field and the objectives of the U.S. Army Chief of Engineers.

Purpose of the Meeting: The meeting is an Executive Session to review past action items, status reports, research and development (R&D) strategic directions, and coastal engineering research in the United States.

Agenda: On Thursday morning, March 3, 2016, action items to be discussed will be: 1) Continue Investment in “Systems” R&D; 2) Link R&D with Challenging Projects; 3) Share Data and Tools with Stakeholders; 4) Enhance Collaboration across the Coastal Community; 5) Update, Vision for Coastal Engineering R&D; and 6) Board Governance and Engagement Guidance. There will be an optional field trip Thursday afternoon, to tour the U.S. Naval Academy Engineering Department. Following the tour, the meeting reconvenes at the Historic Inns of Annapolis to discuss the Report on the Coastal Working Group Annual Meeting with the Focus on R&D Needs, an Update on Coastal Guidance Documents, a presentation and discussion on the Coastal R&D University Collaboration.

On Friday morning, March 4, 2016, the Board will reconvene to discuss NOAA/USACE Coastal Collaboration, Research from the Dune Management Challenges on Developed Coasts Meeting, and an Update and Discussion on the August 2016 Meeting in Puerto Rico.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public. Because seating capacity is limited, advance registration is encouraged. Registration can be accomplished as set forth below.

Registration: Individuals who wish to attend the meeting of the Board are encouraged to register with the DFO by email, the preferred method of contact, no later than February 26, using the electronic mail contact information found in the “**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**” section. The communication should include the registrant’s full name, title, affiliation or employer, email address, and daytime phone number. If applicable, include written comments or statements with the registration email.

Written Comments and Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.015(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the Board, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the Board’s mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Colonel Bryan S. Green, DFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, is the address listed in the “**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**” section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the

author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. The DFO will review all submitted written comments or statements and provide them to members of the Board for their consideration. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the Board. The DFO will review all timely submitted written comments or statements with the Board Chairperson and ensure the comments are provided to all members of the Board before the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the Board until its next meeting.

Verbal Comments: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140d, the Board is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the Board during the meeting. Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Board meeting only at the time and in the manner described below. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least five business days in advance to the Board's DFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**" section. The DFO will log each request, in the order received, and in consultation with the Board Chair, determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the Board's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 30-minute period near the end of the

meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment, and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described above, will be allotted no more than five minutes during this period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the DFO.

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